#### ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ACC Arizona Corporation Commission

ADMMR Arizona Department of Mines and Mineral Resources

ADWR Arizona Department of Water Resources

ADEQ Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

ADOC Arizona Department of Commerce

ALERT Automated Local Evaluation in Real Time
ALRIS Arizona Land Resource Information System

AMA Active Management Area APS Arizona Public Service ARS Arizona Revised Statute

ASDM Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum ASLD Arizona State Land Department Arizona Water Banking Authority **AWBA** Arizona Water Protection Fund **AWPF AZDA** Arizona Department of Agriculture **AZGF** Arizona Game and Fish Department Arizona Meteorological Network **AZMET** United States Bureau of Indian Affairs BIA

BCPA Boulder Canyon Project Act

BECC Border Environment Cooperation Commission
BLM United States Bureau of Land Management

CAP Central Arizona Project

CERCLA Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act

CLIMAS Climate Assessment for the Southwest

CNWR Cibola National Wildlife Refuge
CRIT Colorado River Indian Tribes
CVCA Cibola Valley Conservation Area

CVIDD Cibola Valley Irrigation and Drainage District DES Arizona Department of Economic Security

DOD United States Department of Defense DWID Domestic Water Improvement District

EIS Environmental Impact Statement EPA Environmental Protection Agency

ESA Endangered Species Act

FR Federal Register

GIS Geographic Information System gpcd Gallons per capita per day

gpm Gallons per minute

GSF Groundwater Savings Facility
GWSI Groundwater Site Inventory System

HIA Historically Irrigated Acres HSR Hydrographic Survey Report

HUC Hydrologic Unit Code

HVID Harquahala Valley Irrigation District

ID Irrigation District

IDD Irrigation and Drainage District
 IGA Intergovernmental Agreement
 INA Irrigation Non-Expansion Area
 INWR Imperial National Wildlife Refuge
 IOPP Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy

ITCA Intertribal Council of Arizona

LCR MSCP Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program

LDIG Local Drought Impact Group
LUST Leaking Underground Storage Tank
MCWA Mohave County Water Authority

maf Million acre-feet
mg/L milligrams per liter
M&I Municipal and Industrial
MOD Main Outlet Drain

MODE Main Outlet Drain Extension
NHD National Hydrography Dataset
NIB Northerly International Boundary

NOAA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NPL National Priorities List (Superfund)
NPS United States National Park Service
NRCD Natural Resources Conservation District
NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service
NWIS National Water Information System

NWRNational Wildlife RefugeNWSNational Weather ServicePan ETPan Evaportranspiration

PCE Tetrachloroethene

PDO Pacific Decadal Oscillation

RCRA Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

ROD Record of Decision

SB Senate Bill

SIB Southerly International Boundary

SNOTEL SNOpack TELemetry
TCE Trichloroethylene
TDS Total Dissolved Solids

TOUA Tohono O'odham Utility Authority
USBOR United States Bureau of Reclamation
USDA United States Department of Agriculture
USDOI United States Department of Interior

USF Underground Storage Facility
USFS United States Forest Service

USFWS United States Fish and Wildlife Service

USGS United States Geological Survey

VRP Voluntary Remediation Program

WIFA Water Infrastructure Finance Authority
WC&DD Water Conservation and Drainage District

WDA Water Delivery Agreement

WMIDD Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District

WQARF Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund

WRCC Western Regional Climate Center
WWTF Wastewater Treatment Facility
WWTP Wastewater Treatment Plant

YCWUA Yuma County Water Users Association

YDP Yuma Desalting Plant

YMCAS Yuma Marine Corps Air Station

## **APPENDIX A**

# Appendix A Arizona Water Protection Fund Projects in the Lower Colorado River Planning Area through 2005<sup>1</sup>

LOWER COLORADO RIVER PLANNING AREA						
Groundwater AWPF Grant Basin #		Project Title	Project Category			
Parker	96-0016	'Ahakhav Tribal Preserve	Habitat Restoration & Revegetation			
Parker	97-032	'Ahakhav Tribal Preserve – Deer Island Revegetation	Exotic Species Control & Revegetation			
Yuma	96-0011	Lower Colorado River – Imperial Division Restoration	Wetland Restoration			
Yuma	96-0023	Watershed Restoration at the Yuma Conservation Gardens	Watershed Restoration			
Yuma	04-124	Yuma East Wetlands Riparian Revegetation Project	Exotic Species Control & Revegetation			
Yuma	05-134	Quechan Indian Nation Yuma East Wetlands Restoration Project – Phase I	Exotic Species Control & Revegetation			

Source: ADWR, 2005, Water Protection Fund database: Office of Statewide Planning

 $<sup>\</sup>overline{\ ^{1}}$  A map with all Arizona Water Protection Fund grant locations can be found in Volume 1, Apeendix C

## **APPENDIX B**

# Arizona Colorado River Water Use: Present Perfected Right Holders and Priority 1-6 Contractors in the Lower Colorado River Planning Area

Entity	Type of Entitlement	Priority Date	Annual Diversion Entitlement (Acre-Feet) <sup>1</sup>	Annual Consumptive Use Entitlement (Acre-Feet) <sup>1</sup>
	PRIORITY 1			
Satisfaction of Present Perfected Rights (PPRs) as defined and pre	ovided for in the Arizona v. Californ	ia Decree (2006	Consolidated).	
Federal				
	PPR No. 1	9/27/1917	7,681	
Cocopah Indian Reservation	PPR No. 8	1915	1,140	
		Total	8,821	
	PPR No. 2	3/3/1865	358,400	
Colorado River Indian Tribes Reservation		11/22/1873	252,016	
		11/16/1874	51,986	
		Total	662,402	
	PPR No. 3	9/18/1890	27,969	
Fort Mojave Indian Reservation		2/2/1911	75,566	
		Total	103,535	
Fort Yuma Indian Reservation	PPR No. 3a	1/9/1884	6,350	
		Total	781,108	
Water Projects				
Yuma County Water Users' Association (also has unquantified water right certificates)	PPR No. 4	1901	254,200	
Unit "B" Irrigation and Drainage District (also has unquantified water right certificates)	PPR No. 5	7/8/1905	6,800	
North Gila Valley Irrigation District (also has 3rd Priority consumptive use entitlement of 41,203 AF)	PPR No. 6	7/8/1905	24,500	
		Total	285,500	
Miscellaneous PPRs				
Powers	PPR No. 7	1915	960	
Brooke Water LLC (also has 440 AF of 4th priority water - Contract No. 5-XX-30-W044)	PPR No. 9	1910	360	
Hulet (located in MVIDD service area)	PPR No. 10	1902	1,080	
Hoover (formerly Hopal) (located in MVIDD service area)	PPR No. 11 Contract No. 4-07-30-W0052	1902	1,050	
Miller (located in MVIDD area)	PPR No. 12	1902	240	
McKellips/Granite Reef Farms (located in MVIDD service area)	PPR No. 13	1902	810	
Sherill and Lafollette (located in MVIDD service area)	PPR No. 14	1902	1,080	
Molina	PPR No. 15	1928	318	
Gila Monster Farms, Inc. (also has 6,285 AF of 3rd priority, 1,435 AF of 4th priority, 656 AF of 5th priority and an undetermined amount of 6th priority water - Contract No. 6-07-30-W0337)	PPR No. 16	1925	780	
Zozoya (located in MVIDD service area)	PPR No. 17	1912	720	
Swan (located in MVIDD service area)	PPR No. 18	1902	960	
Phillips, Milton and Jean	PPR No. 19	1900	42	
Parker, Town of (also has 1,030 AF of 4th priority and 2,000 AF of 5th and/or 6th priority water)	PPR No. 20	1905	630	400
Yuma, City of (also has a 3rd Priority consumptive use entitlement 48,522 AF)	PPR No. 21	1893	2,333	1,478
		Total	11,363	1,878

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For Priorities 1 through 3 and Priorities 5 and 6, the totals for diversion and consumptive use entitlements <u>are not</u> additive.

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Entity	Type of Entitlement	Priority Date	Annual Diversion Entitlement (Acre-Feet) <sup>1</sup>	Annual Consumptive Use Entitlement (Acre-Feet) <sup>1</sup>	
	PRIORITIES 2 and 3				
Second and third priorities are coequal.  Priority 2 - Satisfaction of Federal Reservations and Perfected Rig  Priority 3 - Satisfaction of Entitlements pursuant to contracts between the	•			30, 1968	
Federal	1		1	<u> </u>	
Ak-Chin Indian Community	AK-CHIN121180A	1/1/1956	50,000		
Cibola National Wildlife Refuge	Secretarial Reservation	8/21/1964	34,500		
Department of the Navy - Marine Corps Air Station - Yuma	Contract No. 14-06-300-937	1/1/1959	3,000		
Department of the Army - Yuma Proving Grounds	Contract No. I76r-696	6/12/1951	1,129		
Havasu National Wildlife Refuge	1964 Supreme Court Decree Exec Order No. 8647/Public Land Order No. 559	1/22/1941 2/11/1949	41,839	37,339	
Imperial National Wildlife Refuge	1964 Supreme Court Decree	2/14/1941	28,000	23,000	
Lake Mead National Recreation Area - National Park Service	Executive Order No. 5105 Eecutive Order No. 5339	5/3/1929 4/25/1930	Annual quantities reasonably necessary to fulfill the purpose of the Recreation Area		
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community	SRPMIC021288N	3/4/1952	22,000		
Lower Colorado River Dams Project - United States Bureau of Reclamation - Davis Dam	Secretarial Reservation dated November 29, 2000	4/26/1941	100		
		Total	180,568	77,132	
Water Projects			1	T	
Unit "B" Irrigation and Drainage District (also has PPR for 6,800 AF)	Water right certificates Contract No. 14-06-300-44	12/22/1952	Unquantified water right certificates		
North Gila Valley Irrigation District (also has a PPR for 24,500 AF)	Contract Nos.14-06-W-54 14-06-W-102 14-06-300-1270			41,203	
Yuma Irrigation District	(These 3 Districts share a consumptive use entitlement of 250,000 AF, which was allocated	1/1/1956		67,278	
Yuma Mesa Irrigation and Drainage District	to each District by Reclamation on December 27, 2001)			141,519	
Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District	Contract No. 1-07-30-W0021	3/4/1952		278,000	
Yuma County Water Users' Association (also has a PPR for 254,200 AF)	Water right certificates Contract No. 14-06-300-621	4/1/1957	Unquantified water right certificates		
		Total		528,000	
Others					
Arizona, University of	Contract No. 14-06-300-144	1/1/1954	1,088		
C. Allec Company, Inc. (formerly Allec, Camille)	Contract No. 14-06-303-528	12/23/1953	120		
Desert Lawn Memorial Park Association (Cemetery in Yuma) (also has 360 AF of 4th priority water for undeveloped land near Unit B)	Contract No. 14-06-303-1079	5/1/1956	200		
Gila Monster Farms, Inc. (also has 780 AF of 1st priority, 1,435 AF of 4th priority and 656 AF of 5th priority and an undetermined amount of 6th priority water)	Contract No. 6-07-30-W0337	1/1/1952	6,285		
Kaman, Inc.	Contract No. 14-06-303-1555	12/2/1959	2		
Union Pacific Railroad Company (formerly Southern Pacific Railroad Company)	Contract No. 14-06-303-1524	12/21/1959	48		
Yuma, City of (also has a PPR for 1,478 AF consumptive use)	Contract No. 14-06-W-106	11/12/1959		48,522	
Yuma, City of (Cemetery)	Contract No. 14-06-303-1078	5/1/1956	60		
Yuma Mesa Fruit Growers Association	Contract No. 14-06-303-1196	1/1/1956	15		
Yuma Union High School	Contract No. 14-06-303-179	5/3/1960	200		
		Total	8,018	48,522	

Entity	Type of Entitlement	Priority Date	Annual Diversion Entitlement (Acre-Feet) <sup>1</sup>	Annual Consumptive Use Entitlement (Acre-Feet) <sup>1</sup>
	PRIORITY 4			
Satisfaction of Entitlements pursuant to: (i) contracts, Secretarial R State of Arizona entered into or established subsequent to Septem (for a total quantity of not to exceed 164,652 acre-feet of diversions between the United States and the Central Arizona Water Conservincluding use of Mainstream Water on Indian lands.	nber 30, 1968, for use on Federal, S s annually); and (ii) Contract No. 14	tate, or privately -06-W-245 date	owned lands in t d December 15, 1	ne State of Arizona 972, as amended,
Municipal and Industrial				
Arizona-American Water Company (Havasu) (also has a lease with the MCWA for 950 AF of 5th priority water)	Contract No. 00-XX-30-W0391	1/23/2001	1,420	
Arizona Game and Fish Commission (entitlement is available for domestic & irrigation use. Also has 750 AF of fifth priority and 1,000 AF of sixth priority water)	Contract No. 07-XX-30-W0509	9/25/2007	1,419	
Arizona State Land Department	Contract No. 7-07-30-W0358	2/2/2004	1,534	
Arizona State Parks Board / Windsor Beach	Contract No. 7-07-30-W0364	8/17/1998	90	
B & F Investments, LLC	Contract No. 06-XX-30-W0453	10/25/2006	60	
Brooke Water LLC (also has a PPR for 360 AF)	Contract No. 5-XX-30-W044	11/9/1983	440	
Bullhead City (also has a subcontract with MCWA for 6,000 AF of 4th priority water & is in the process of acquiring a second subcontract for 2,139 AF)	Contract No. 2-07-30-W0273	11/9/1994	15,210	
		8/30/1973		800
	Secretarial Reservations and IGA No. 8-07-30-W0373	9/29/1981		1,280
Bureau of Land Management	and 16A No. 6-07-30-770373	4/27/1987		1,930
		6/13/2000		
		Total		4,010
Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAP) (Balance of	Contract No. 14-06-W-245	12/01/1988		
Arizona Colorado River allocation, approximately 1.5 MAF/Year) Crystal Beach Water Conservation District	Contract No. 6-07-30-W0352	11/21/1997	132	
Desert Lawn Memorial Park Association (Cemetery in Yuma) (also has 200 AF of 3rd priority water)	Contract No. 14-06-300-2587	5/30/1975	360	
Ehrenberg Improvement Association	Contract No. 8-07-30-W0006	10/14/1977	500	
Fisher Landing Water and Sewer	Contract No. 06-XX-30-W0450	12/21/2006	53	
Gold Dome Mining Company	Contract No. 0-07-30-W0250	6/6/1990	7	
Gold Standard Mines Corporation	Contract No. 3-07-30-W0038	8/25/1983	75	
Golden Shores Water Conservation District	Contract No. 9-07-30-W0203	6/1/1989	2,000	
Hillcrest Water Company	Contract No. 5-07-30-W0078	3/8/1985	84	
Lake Havasu City (also has unspecified amount of 5th and/or 6th priority water, and a subcontract with MCWA for 6,000 AF of 4th priority water. It is in the process of acquiring a second subcontract for 2,139 AF)	Contract No. 3-07-30-W0039	10/4/1995	19,180	
Marble Canyon Company, Inc. (also has an unspecified amount of 5th and 6th priority water)	Contract No. 5-07-30-W0322	5/1/1996	70	
McAllister, Maurice L.	Contract No. 7-07-30-W0355	7/31/1998	40	
Mohave County Water Authority (Has 15,000 AF subcontracted to: Lake Havasu and Bullhead cities - 6,000 AF each; Mohave Water Conservation District - 3,000 AF. MCWA also has an undefined entitlement of 5th and 6th priority water)	Contract No. 5-07-30-W0320	11/14/1968	18,500	
Mohave County Water Authority (entitlement is available for domestic and irrigation use in Cibola Valley and for domestic use in Mohave County. The Authority is in the process of subcontracting 2,139 AF of this water to both Bullhead City and Lake Havasu City)	Contract No. 4-XX-30-W0431	1/31/1983	4,578	
Mohave Valley Irrigation and Drainage District (part of the District's 41,000 AF entitlement - estimated M&I use based on USBR crop reports) (also has 2 leases with MCWA for a total of 980 AF of 5th priority water)	Contract No. 14-06-W-204	11/14/1968	8,000	

			Annual	Annual	
Entity	Type of Entitlement	Priority Date	Diversion Entitlement	Consumptive Use Entitlement	
			(Acre-Feet) <sup>1</sup>	(Acre-Feet) <sup>1</sup>	
Р	PRIORITY 4 (Continued)				
Municipal and Industrial (Continued)					
Mohave Water Conservation District (also has a subcontract with the MCWA for 3,000 AF of 4th priority water)	Contract No. 9-07-30-W0012	11/14/1968	1,800		
Parker, Town of (also has a PPR for 630 acre-feet, and 2,000 acre-feet of Priority 5 and/or Priority 6 water)	Contract No. 2-07-30-W0025	1/6/1998	1,030		
Quartzsite, Town of	Contract No. 7-07-30-W0353	1/28/1999	1,070		
Roy, Edward P.	Contract No. 9-07-30-W0124	2/24/1986	1		
Smucker Park	Contract No. 14-06-303-2702	11/12/1969	33		
Somerton, City of	Contract No. 3-XX-30-W0419	2/8/2006	750		
Verizon California, Inc. (formerly Continental Telephone of California)	Contract No. 14-06-300-2506	2/5/1974	1		
Water reserved by the Secretary for use in Indian settlements			3,500		
		Total	81,937	4,010	
Municipal and Industrial Recommendations		,			
Arizona State Parks Board / Contact Point			20		
Martinez Lake cabin sites - (had 87 AF of which 53 AF was allocated to Fisher Water and Sewer; 8 AF to Shepard Water; and 3 AF to ASLD)			23		
Shepard Water Company			50		
		Total	93		
Agricultural		-			
Arizona State Land Department (also has 9,097 AF of 5th and/or 6th priority water)	Contract No. 4-07-30-W0317	6/28/1999	6,607		
Beattie Farms Southwest	Contract No. 5-XX-30-W0446	2/17/2006	1,110		
Cibola Valley Irrigation and Drainage District (includes 300 AF for M&I use and also has 1,500 AF of 5th priority and 2,000 AF of 6th priority water)	Contract No. 2-07-30-W0028	1/31/1983	12,066		
Cocopah Indian Reservation (lands south of Morelos Dam)	Contract No. 6-07-30-W0346 Supreme Court Decree	6/24/1974	2,026		
Curtis, Armon	Contract No. 3-07-30-W0037	8/29/1983	300		
Gila Monster Farms, Inc. (also has a PPR for 780 AF, 6,285 AF of 3rd priority, 656 AFof 5th priority and an undetermined amount of 6th priority water)	Contract No. 6-07-30-W0337 PPR No. 16	7/28/1997	1,435		
Hopi Tribe (also has 750 AF of 5th priority and 1,000 AF of 6th priority water)	Contract No. 4-XX-30-W0432	1/31/1983	5,997		
JRJ Partners LLC (formerly part of Dulin Farms)	Contract No. 06-XX-30-W0448	9/25/2007	1,080		
Mohave Valley Irrigation and Drainage District (the 41,000 AF entitlement less 8,000 AF for M&I uses and PPR's for 5,940 AF)	Contract No. 14-06-W-204	11/14/1968	27,060		
North Baja, LLC (formerly Jamar Produce) (408 AF for agricultural use; 72 AF for M&I use)	Contract No. 5-07-30-W0066	12/3/1984	480		
George Ogram, Ogram Farms	Contract No. 1-XX-30-W0398	9/4/2003	480		
Ogram Boys Enterprises (formerly known as GOBO Farms)	Contract No. 4-XX-30-W0402	7/1/2005	924		
Pasquinelli, Gary J. (Hall contract assigned and amended from 510 to 486 AF)	Contract No. 5-07-30-W0065	3/27/2003	486		
Rayner Ranches	Contract No. 5-07-30-W0064	10/29/1984	4,500		
Total 64,551					
Agricultural Recommendations					
CHA CHA, LLC (Amended contract includes: Auza Farms - 960 AF, Dulin Farms-West portion - 936 AF, and Youmans - 204 AF)			2,100		
Peach, John (formerly Bruce Church)			456		
Phillips, Milton and Jean			18		
		Total	2,574		

Entity	Type of Entitlement	Priority Date	Annual Diversion Entitlement (Acre-Feet) <sup>1</sup>	Annual Consumptive Use Entitlement (Acre-Feet) <sup>1</sup>
	PRIORITY 5 AND 6			
Priority 5 - Satisfaction of Entitlements to any Unused Arizona Enti Priority 6 - Satisfaction of Entitlements to Surplus Apportionment V				
Priority 5				
Arizona Game and Fish Commission (also has 1,419 AF of fourth priority and 1,000 AF of sixth priority water)	Contract No. 07-XX-30-W0509	9/25/2007	750	
Cibola Valley Irrigation and Drainage District (also has 12,066 acre-feet of 4th priority water and 2,000 AF of 6th Priority water)	Contract No. 2-07-30-W0028	1/31/1983	1,500	
Hopi Tribe (also has 5,997 AF of 4th Priority water and 1,000 AF of 6th Priority water)	Contract No. 04-XX-30-W0432	1/31/1983	750	
Gila Monster Farms, Inc 5th priority (also has a PPR for 780 AF, 6,285 AF of 3rd priority, 1,435 AF of 4th priority water)	Contract No. 6-07-30-W0337	7/28/1997	656	
Prioirty 5 and/or 6				
Arizona Public Service (Yucca Power Plant)	Contract No. 6-07-30-W0336	10/3/2000	1,500	
Arizona State Land Department (also has 6,607 acre-feet of 4th priority water)	Contract No. 4-07-30-W0317	6/28/1999	9,067	
Lake Havasu City (also has 19,180 AF of 4th Priority water)	Contract No. 3-07-30-W0039	10/04/1995	unspecified	
Marble Canyon Corporation (also has 70 AF of 4th prioirty water)	Contract No. 3-07-30-W0322	5/01/1996	unspecified	
Mohave County Water Authority - Entitlement leased to: MVIDD (Marina Coves) - 600 AF MVIDD (Bella Vista/Los Lagos) - 380 AF AZ-American Water Co.(The Refuge) - 950 AF	Contract No. 5-07-30-W0320	1/31/1983	unspecified	
Parker, Town of (also has PPR for 630 AF and 1,030 AF of 4th priority)	Contract No. 2-07-30-W0025	1/6/1998	2,000	
Priority 6				
Arizona Game and Fish Commission (also has 1,419 AF of fourth priority and 750 AF of fifth priority water)	Contract No. 07-XX-30-W0509	9/25/2007	1,000	
Cibola Valley Irrigation and Drainage District (also has 12,066 AF of 4th Priority water and 1,500 AF of 5th priority water)	Contract No. 2-07-30-W0028	1/31/1983	2,000	
Gila Monster Farms, Inc 6th priority (also has a PPR for 780 AF, 6,285 AFof 3rd priority, 1,435 AFof 4th priority)	Contract No. 6-07-30-W0337	7/28/1997	unspecified	
Hopi Tribe (also has 5,997 AF of 4th Priority water and 750 AF of 5th Priority water)	Contract No. 04-XX-30-W0432	1/31/1983	1,000	
		Total	20,223	
		Priority 1 Total	1,077,971	1,878
Priority 2 and 3 Total			188,586	
Priority 1, 2, and 3 Total			1,266,557	655,532
Priority 4 Total			149,155	
		hrough 4 Total	1,415,712	659,542
Priorities 5 and 6 Tota			20,223	0

Entity	Type of Entitlement	Priority Date	Annual Diversion Entitlement (Acre-Feet)	Annual Consumptive Use Entitlement (Acre-Feet)
	PRIORITY 5 AND 6			
Priority 5, Satisfaction of Entitlements to any Unused Arizona Entitle Priority 6, Satisfaction of Entitlements to Surplus Apportionment Wa				
Priority 5				
Arizona Game and Fish Department (also has 1,419 AF of fourth prority and 1,000 AF of sixth priority water)	Contract No. 07-XX-30-W0509	9/25/2007	750	
Cibola Valley Irrigation and Drainage District - 5th priority (also has 12,066 acre-feet of 4th priority water)	Contract No. 2-07-30-W0028	1/31/1983	1,500	
Hopi Tribe - 5th priority	Contract No. 04-XX-30-W0432	1/31/1983	750	
Gila Monster Farms, Inc 5th priority (also has 1,435 AF of 4th priority water)	Contract No. 6-07-30-W0337	7/28/1997	656	
Prioirty 5 and/or 6				
Arizona Public Service (Yucca Power Plant)	Contract No. 6-07-30-W0336	10/3/2000	1,500	
Arizona State Land Department (also has 6,607 acre-feet of 4th priority water)	Contract No. 4-07-30-W0317	6/28/1999	9,067	
Lake Havasu, City of	Contract No. 3-07-30-W0039	10/04/1995	unspecified	
Marble Canyon Corporation (also has 70 AF of 4th prioirty water)	Contract No. 3-07-30-W0322		unspecified	
Mohave County Water Authority - Entitlement leased to: MVIDD (Marina Coves) - 600 AF MVIDD (Bella Vista/Los Lagos) - 380 AF AZ-American Water Co.(The Refuge) - 950 AF	Contract No. 5-07-30-W0320	1/31/1983	unspecified	
Parker, Town of (also has 1,030 AF of 4th priority water)	Contract No. 2-07-30-W0025	1/6/1998	2,000	
Priority 6				
Arizona Game and Fish Department (also has 1,419 AF of fourth priority and 750 AF of fifth priority)	Contract No. 07-XX-30-W0509	9/25/2007	1,000	
Cibola Valley Irrigation and Drainage District	Contract No. 2-07-30-W0028	1/31/1983	2,000	
Gila Monster Farms, Inc 6th priority (also has a PPR for 780 AF, 6,285 AFof 3rd priority, 1,435 AFof 4th priority)	Contract No. 6-07-30-W0337	7/28/1997	unspecified	
Hopi Tribe - 6th priority	Contract No. 04-XX-30-W0432	1/31/1983	1,000	
	Total:	Priority 5 and 6	20,223	

## **APPENDIX C**

# APPENDIX C Colorado River Management

The "Law of the River" as described briefly below, is a collection of federal and state laws, interstate compacts, Supreme Court decisions and international treaties that govern the operation and use of the Colorado River. In the Lower Colorado River Basin, the United States Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) is the Watermaster. Acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, the Secretary operates Colorado River dams and accounts for water use on an annual basis. Pursuant to Section V of the Boulder Canyon Project Act, the Secretary contracts with water users in the Lower Basin for water up to the total amount of each state's apportionment.

#### <u>Colorado River Compact – 1922</u>

In 1921, the seven Colorado River Basin states authorized the appointment of commissioners to negotiate a compact for the apportionment of the water supply of the Colorado River. Although the states were unable to negotiate an allocation of water for each state, an agreement was signed in November 1922, the Colorado River Compact (Compact) that divided the Colorado River Basin into the Upper Basin and the Lower Basin.

The Compact apportioned to the Upper Basin (Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and a portion of Arizona) and to the Lower Basin (Arizona, California, and Nevada) the exclusive beneficial consumptive use of 7.5 million acre-feet of water to each basin annually. Because the Colorado River Basin includes a portion of Mexico, the Compact recognized Mexico's right to use River water. Water for this purpose was to be met from surplus water supplies in excess of the amounts apportioned to the Upper and Lower Basins. Any burden that might arise because of a water treaty with Mexico was to be shared equally by the two basins. The Compact recognized that the ability of the Upper Basin to meet the requirement to deliver 7.5 million acre-feet to the Lower Basin could be impacted by climatic factors, therefore the Compact only required the Upper Basin to restrict its use so that delivery to the Lower Basin would not be depleted below an aggregate of 75,000,000 acre-feet for any period of ten consecutive years.

#### Boulder Canyon Project Act - 1928

The Boulder Canyon Project Act (Project Act) authorized construction of the Hoover Dam and Power Plant and the All-American Canal. It also authorized Arizona, California and Nevada to enter into an agreement whereby the 7.5 million acre-feet of water apportioned to the Lower Basin by the Colorado River Compact would be apportioned as follows: to California, 4.4 million acre-feet per year; to Arizona, 2.8 million acre-feet per year; and to Nevada, 0.3 million acre-feet per year.

#### Mexican Treaty – 1945

In 1945, a treaty between the United States and Mexico involving waters of the Colorado, Rio Grande and Tijuana Rivers was enacted to address, among other things, a fixed entitlement for Mexico of 1.5 million acre-feet annually from the Colorado River. The Treaty also provided

an additional 200,000 acre-feet in years of supply surplus. In years of extraordinary drought, Mexico's entitlement is to be reduced in the same proportion as consumptive uses in the U.S. are reduced.

Minute 242 was adopted and executed in 1973 in response to Mexico's concerns regarding the quality of Colorado River water being delivered to the Mexicali Valley. Minute 242 obligates the United States to implement measures that will maintain the salinity of the Colorado River waters delivered to Mexico at nearly the same quality as that diverted at Imperial Dam for use within the United States. The Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act was signed into law on June 24, 1974, providing for the physical works necessary to implement Minute 242 without permanent loss of water to the Colorado River Basin states.

#### Upper Colorado River Basin Compact - 1948

This Compact divided the water apportioned to the Upper Basin by the Colorado River Compact between the five states with territory in the Upper Basin. Arizona was allocated 50,000 acre-feet per year with the remainder of the Upper Basin entitlement divided according to the following percentages: Colorado, 51.75; New Mexico, 11.25; Utah, 23.00; and Wyoming, 14.00.

Arizona v. California - 1964

On August 13, 1952, the State of Arizona filed a complaint with the U.S. Supreme Court against California and seven agencies within that state to resolve the contention by California that the Central Arizona Project should not be authorized. At California's insistence, the U.S. Congress would not authorize the Central Arizona Project until Arizona's right to the necessary Colorado River entitlement was clarified

The Decree, handed down in 1964, confirmed that Congress had already apportioned, through the Boulder Canyon Project Act, the entitlement of water to the three Lower Basin states as follows: Arizona, 2.8 million acre-feet; California, 4.4 million acre-feet; and Nevada, 300,000 acre-feet. Any surplus above 7.5 million acre-feet was apportioned 50 percent to California and 50 percent to Arizona, except that Nevada was given the right to contract for 4 percent of the excess, which would come out of Arizona's share. The Decree also confirmed each of the Lower Basin state's entitlements to the flow of the tributaries within their boundaries, supporting Arizona's utilization of water from its in-state rivers, separate from its entitlement to its full 2.8 million acre-feet of Colorado River water.

The Decree left shortage allocation to the discretion of the Secretary after providing for satisfaction of present perfected rights in the order of their priority dates. These rights were defined as rights existing and used prior to the effective date of the Boulder Canyon Project Act.

#### Colorado River Basin Project Act - 1968

The Colorado River Basin Project Act on September 30, 1968 authorized construction of the Central Arizona Project and other water development projects in the Upper Basin. A significant

concession was a provision that allowed existing California, Arizona, and Nevada Colorado River contractors to receive a priority over the Central Arizona project in times when the useable supply from the River was inadequate to provide 7.5 million acre-feet to the Lower Basin states, with California's priority limited to its 4.4 million acre-foot entitlement.

The Act directed the Secretary to propose criteria for the "coordinated long-range operation of the reservoirs" in the Upper Basin with the operation of the reservoirs in the Lower Basin. To accomplish this, the Act required the development of an Annual Operating Plan, in consultation with representatives of the seven Basin states.

#### **Current Colorado River Issues**

#### Shortage Criteria

In December 2007, the Secretary of the Interior signed the Record of Decision (ROD) on interim operating criteria (2008-2026) including the coordinated operation of Lakes Powell and Mead and criteria for implementing shortage reductions in the Lower Basin. At this time Lake Powell and Lake Mead are operated independently; annual Lake Powell water releases are determined based on applicable law and relevant factors contained in the Long-Range Operating Criteria. Proposed coordinated operation of the reservoirs would address two goals: avoid Lower Basin shortages and avoid curtailment of Upper Basin water use. If regional drought conditions continue shortage operations could begin as early as 2011.

In May 2005, Arizona water users asked ADWR to convene a stakeholder technical workgroup to develop a recommendation regarding appropriate Lower Basin shortage criteria and a strategy for apportioning shortage reductions between the Central Arizona Project (CAP) and equivalent priority mainstream Colorado River water users. In October, 2006 the Workgroup forwarded their recommendation to the Director, and with minor modifications it has been incorporated into the Reclamation Environmental Impact Study as part of the Basin States Alternative.

The modified shortage recommendation implements shortage reductions when Lake Mead water storage is depleted to key elevation triggers: In years when Lake Mead content is projected on January 1 to be at or below elevation 1075 ft and at or above 1050 ft, Arizona's share of shortage reductions would be 320,000 acre-feet, below 1050 ft and at or above 1025 ft, 400,000 acre-feet and below 1025 feet elevation, 480,000 acre-feet. Reclamation will reconsult with the states if conditions continue to worsen necessitating additional water supply reductions. The available shortage water supply would be apportioned within Arizona between the fourth priority mainstream water users and the CAP by first determining the mainstream available supply, based upon entitlement.

(Total fourth priority mainstream diversion entitlement ÷ total fourth priority water supply before shortage reduction) X (total fourth priority water supply – shortage reduction volume)

The remaining fourth priority water supply after deducting the mainstream supply would be

available for diversion by the CAP.

#### **Entitlement Transfers**

Arizona communities along the Colorado River have experienced explosive growth over the last decade. These Arizona communities are unique because groundwater is not readily available as a supplementary water supply to meet this growing demand. Regardless of whether Colorado River water is diverted from the mainstream or pumped from wells that are hydraulically connected to the river, the water is legally Colorado River water, and annual use is limited to a defined, maximum amount.

The Boulder Canyon Project Act requires U.S. Colorado River water users in the Lower Basin to have a contract for such water with the Secretary of the Interior. The Regional Director of Reclamation contracts with Lower Basin water users on behalf of the Secretary. The Supreme Court Decree in *Arizona v. California* requires Reclamation to account annually for all diversions and use of Colorado River water against the total Arizona allocation of 2.8 million acre-feet.

To meet this growing domestic demand, some Colorado River communities have acquired, transferred and changed the type of use of existing agricultural water entitlements. For nonfederal Arizona contractors of mainstream Colorado River entitlements, these transfer actions are subject to review by the ADWR and consultation with ADWR and Reclamation. The Department has developed a substantive policy statement titled *Policy and Procedures for Transferring an Entitlement of Colorado River Water* that provides information regarding the Department's review of a proposed transfer action. This policy is available on the Department's website at <a href="www.azwater.gov">www.azwater.gov</a>. To date, using its substantive policy statement, the Department has made three assignment and two conveyance recommendations involving agricultural water entitlements. The Department is currently experiencing increasing contact from entities that are interested in the acquisition and conversion of agricultural entitlements to municipal and industrial uses and it expects to process additional contract transfer requests in the future.

A separate substantive policy statement governs the transfer of CAP subcontract entitlements within the three county CAP service area. The *Revised Policy Regarding Transfer of Central Arizona Project Municipal and Industrial Water Subcontract Entitlements* describes the criteria the Department evaluates and the priority of proposed transfer actions. Growth in the CAP service area has resulted in increased use of existing CAP subcontract water, and the Department expects few future transfer action proposals.

#### Lower Colorado River Planning Area Entitlement Transfer Actions

The following are a list of assignment and conveyances that have been conducted in accordance with the Department's Colorado River transfer policy that affects entities in the Lower Colorado River Planning Area. All involve a series of assignments and conveyances that began with the initial partial assignment of Cibola Valley Irrigation and Drainage District's entitlement in 2004. In 2007, one assignment and one conveyance action occurred, in the planning area. See Appendix B for a complete list of Colorado River entitlements within the planning area.

1. 2004 - Cibola Valley Irrigation and Drainage District (CVIDD), located in the southern

part of the Parker Basin, **assigned** 5,995 acre-feet of 4th priority, 750 acre-feet of fifth priority and 1,000 acre-feet of sixth priority irrigation entitlements to both the Mohave County Water Authority (MCWA) and to The Hopi Tribe.

- 2. 2007 CVIDD **assigned** another 60 acre-feet of its 4<sup>th</sup> priority entitlement to Cibola Resources. Cibola Resources then **conveyed** the 60 acre-feet to B&F Investments for use by a proposed travel plaza to be located in the Ehrenberg area.
- 3. 2007 MCWA **conveyed** 4,578 acre-feet of its 4<sup>th</sup> priority entitlement for eventual M&I use by Lake Havasu and Bullhead City
- 4. 2007 MCWA **assigned** 1,419 acre-feet of its 4<sup>th</sup> priority and all of its 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> priority entitlements to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission for habitat restoration purposes in the Cibola Valley

#### Note:

Assignments: Entitlement is assigned to a new entity, the type and place of use remain the same.

*Conveyances*: Entitlement may or may not be transferred to a new entity, but the place of use and/or the type of use is changed.

#### **Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy**

In October 2003, the Secretary of the Interior signed the Record of Decision to implement the Colorado River Water Delivery Agreement (WDA). The WDA includes the Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy (IOPP) to identify inadvertent overruns and to establish procedures to account for overruns and define subsequent payback requirements for Colorado River water users in the Lower Basin.

Inadvertent overruns occur when Colorado River water is diverted, pumped or received by an entitlement holder in excess of the water user's entitlement for that year. The IOPP creates a process and criteria to structure payback of the amount of water received in excess of the entitlement for that year.

#### Federal Rulemaking to Establish the Accounting Surface

In August 2006, Reclamation initiated a rulemaking process to regulate the non-contract use of Colorado River water in the Lower Basin. The Boulder Canyon Project Act requires U.S. Colorado River water users in the Lower Basin to have a contract for such water with the Secretary of the Interior. The Regional Director of Reclamation contracts with Lower Basin water users on behalf of the Secretary. The Supreme Court Decree in Arizona v. California requires Reclamation to account annually for all diversions and use of Colorado River water against the total Arizona allocation of 2.8 million acre-feet.

The rulemaking is intended to ensure that all Colorado River water use is covered by an entitlement

and correctly accounted for within the state's apportionment. Reclamation has contracted with the U.S. Geological Survey, to document non-contract water uses in the Lower Basin. The rule will establish the methodology that Reclamation will use to determine if a well is pumping Colorado River water and will also establish an appeal process. At this time, approximately 11,500 acrefect of unallocated fourth-priority Colorado River water is available for allocation. Some of this water will be allocated to existing uses, after currently uncontracted uses have been quantified. The inventory is expected to provide comprehensive information about existing water uses that need an entitlement. The Department will use this information to allocate the remaining supply for domestic purposes.

#### Yuma Desalting Plant Operations

One unintended consequence of utilizing Colorado River water for domestic and agricultural purposes has been the steady increase in the salinity of its waters. The salinity problem created international discord in the 1960's when crops in the Mexicali Valley were damaged by the high salinity of the Colorado River water used for irrigation. An amendment to the 1944 treaty with Mexico guaranteed that the treaty water delivery would be no more than 115 ppm (+/- 30 ppm) more saline than the water diverted at Imperial Dam.

To comply with this requirement, the U.S. implemented a number of measures including re-routing drainage water from the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District (WMIDD), to the Cienega de Santa Clara in Mexico. The U.S. also built a \$250 million desalinization plant in Yuma to treat WMIDD drainage water, before returning it to the mainstream. The Yuma Desalinization Plant was completed in 1992, operated briefly in 1993 and then put on standby status until a recent "demonstration run" in 2007.

Wellton-Mohawk drainage water that is bypassed each year to the Cienega, is not counted against the total amount of Colorado River water that must be delivered under the terms of the Treaty. In dry years, this results in Lake Mead storage decreasing by approximately 100,000 acre-feet annually since the bypassed water must be "made-up" from storage in Lake Mead. Recently, the decrease in Lake Mead storage after more than a decade of drought has increased the risk of shortage to Arizona Colorado River water users.

#### Salinity

Increased salinity levels in the Colorado River affect agricultural, municipal and industrial users. Agricultural water users suffer economic damage due to reduced crop yields, added labor costs for irrigation management and added drainage requirements. Urban users must replace plumbing and water-using appliances more often, or spend money on water softeners or bottled water. Industrial users and water and wastewater treatment facilities incur reductions in the useful life of system infrastructure. Damages in the United States are estimated at \$330 million per year, and while economic damage in Mexico is not quantified it is also a significant concern.

In 1972, EPA required development of water quality standards for salinity in the Colorado River in accordance with Clean Water Act Section 303. The seven Colorado River Basin States formed the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum (the Forum) in 1973. The Forum has developed

numeric salinity standards for three locations in the Lower Basin as well as a basin-wide plan of implementation. The EPA has approved the standards and the plan of implementation adopted by the Colorado River Basin States. The water quality standards establish a flow-weighted average annual salinity standard that must be maintained on the lower Colorado River at the following locations:

- Below Hoover Dam (to Parker Dam) 723 mg/L
- Below Parker Dam (to Imperial Dam) 747 mg/L
- At Imperial Dam 879 mg/L

Implementation of the salinity control plan has ensured compliance with the numeric criteria while the Basin States continue to develop the water allocated to them by the Colorado River Compact. Millions of dollars have been spent to prevent 1.9 million tons of salt from entering the river.

#### Other Water Quality Issues

In 2005, the Governor of Arizona appointed The Clean Colorado River Alliance (Alliance) stakeholder group to address water quality issues for the Colorado River. In addition to salinity, the Alliance identified several other water quality concerns including nutrients, metals, endocrine disrupting compounds, perchlorate, bacteria and pathogens, and sediment. The Alliance issued a report titled Clean Colorado River Alliance Recommendations to Address Colorado River Water Quality, January 2006. The report includes a number of recommendations to monitor and mitigate the impacts of these pollutants.